

Docket No.: 061352-0046

**PATENT**

**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 1700**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 53080
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Yasuo TAKEBE, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 5764
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Application No.: 10/696,505	:	Group Art Unit: 1795
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Filed: October 30, 2003	:	Examiner: Raymond Alejandro
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For: METHOD OF OPERATING FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND FUEL SYSTEM	:	

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 30, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejection for the reasons set forth below.